



**SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 28, 2004
Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Roger Cooper
Dan Anderson
Al Stimac
Debby Reimers
Wally Hill
Rick Smith
Mike Martin
Cindy Gennell
Tim Donihi
Judy Putz
Andrea Holman
Lisa Giltner (8:00 p.m.)

Staff in attendance:

Mark Lichtenheld, Engineering
Jeff Hayes, Parks & Recreation
Lenor Bromberg, Engineering
Cindy Matheny, Engineering
Heidi Terry, Engineering
Jerry McCollum, Seminole County Engineer
Gary Johnson, Seminole County Public Works Director

Guests:

Linda Moore, City of Casselberry
Sandra Smith, City of Casselberry
Ed Thompson
Fran Meli, Longwood
Abby Shoemaker, Chair of City of Longwood Trails Advisory Board
Brian Sackett (as corrected)
JoAnne Rebello (as corrected)

Mr. Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M. and asked the committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Ms Reimers noted that her name was misspelled in the August minutes. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Bromberg gave some detail in reference to the history of the Bond Referendum of 2000 and noted that Seminole County is approximately one year ahead of schedule. Therefore the second bond issuance in the amount of \$7,000,000 may have to occur early as well.

Approximately \$8,200,000 is due to be repaid by the Florida Department of Transportation next year.

Ms. Bromberg mentioned that the Connector Trail is covered by this second bond referendum, as well as the southern leg of the Seminole Wekiva Trail.

Mr. McCollum added that transportation funds are constantly changing and that he expects 20-30% funding within the next 2-3 years.

Mr. Donihi asked about the southern leg of the Seminole Wekiva Trail. Mr. McCollum answered that Seminole County had entered into a purchase agreement with CSX on the property between the CSX railroad and Bear Lake Road. This was approved by the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners. The roadway construction will be underway within 2 years and will be combined with the trail construction.

Ms. Bromberg pointed out that there is still \$6,000,000 in grant money to be collected by Seminole County. The county had already collected \$5,000,000.

Mr. McCollum explained that a proposal for an 8 foot pedestrian bridge across Interstate 4 at E.E. Williamson is going before the Board in December. The design/built contract should be awarded in January. After that it should take about 18 months to complete.

Ms. Gennell asked about an overpass across S.R. 419 which was identified as needed in the past. Mr. McCollum said that the overpass at General Hutchinson Parkway was considered to be more necessary.

Ms. Putz walked the Committee through a preliminary alignment proposal for the Candyland Trail. Ms. Bromberg added that Seminole County would look in to upcoming roadway improvements in this particular area. Mr. McCollum asked all involved to keep in mind that the trails referendum does cover all proposed trails and that the monetary situation generally changes with time. He suggested that any future projects should be brought before the board in the last January meeting.

Mr. Anderson said that the City of Longwood needed to be involved and added that the city had a critical need for mobility of children. Ms. Putz also stressed connectivity. Mr. Anderson said that the City of Longwood is in the process of paving some roads throughout the area and both County and City could benefit financially from identifying and proposing trail connections early. Mr. Cooper suggested a meeting with the City of Longwood.

Mr. Donihi said that he feels the Seminole Wekiva Trail intersection at Lake Mary Boulevard and International Drive is very dangerous and needed to be addressed.

Mr. Cooper at this time read a letter from the City of Casselberry and a Resolution in which the City identified priority projects. Ms. Bromberg said that communications regarding the City of Casselberry have been ongoing.

Committee members asked about the status of the trails along Celery Avenue in Sanford and Mr. McCollum said that the trails in essence will be a wide sidewalk. The county is currently working with the homeowners.

Ms. Bromberg thanked the committee for assisting staff and getting very good feedback from the press and through website reviews.

Mr. Johnson extended a special “thank you” from Commissioner Randy Morris, who could not be at the meeting. Ms. Giltner felt that the committee needed some guidance from the County Commission.

The committee voted unanimously to support tentative staff recommendation regarding the budget presentation by Ms. Bromberg.

Mr. Donihi gave an update on the “Seminole Trail Friends”. He suggested that the group could finance signs at the I-4 Trail Overpass. The group meets every first Thursday of the month at the Casselberry library.

Debbi Reimers said that she would check if the committee could use the Longwood Community Center for the annual advisory committee holiday get-together.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 2 at 6 p.m. at the Longwood Community Center, 200 Warren Avenue, Longwood, Florida.